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DEVELOPMENT OF TEXTILE INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Cotton Mills Federation (ICMF) has urged the Government to give equal importance to the development of all segments of the textile industry, instead of pampering the one at the cost of others;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said Federation has also demanded for removal of discrimination against the mill sector in the form of imposition of high excise duty and regulation such as hank yarn obligation and handloom reservation;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken to redress the grievances of the cotton mill industry?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) to (e): The Indian Cotton Mills` Federation (ICMF) has requested the Government for strengthening of domestic textile industrial base through appropriate interventions providing level playing field to all the segments of the industry. The Government, in close partnership with all interests, is acting as a facilitator for growth and development of the Textile Industry. Recently, Government has approved the `National Textile Policy - 2000` which, inter-alia, provides for various policy initiatives for development and strengthening of the Textile Industry. Government is also implementing various schemes - Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS), Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC) and other segment specific schemes for development and strengthening of Textile Industry.In order to maintain a balance among different competing segments of the Textile Industry, the Government takes appropriate policy initiatives accordingly, which are reviewed from time to time.